

Subject: Re: Surfeyng the Dity's sidewalks

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John-you've read my mind. I had the same reaction to the story and hit the roof. Absolutely ludicrous. There are ways to do this with community resources and technology. I have been working all day with Councilman Garcetti's office, and we will have a motion tomorrow, cosponsored by Eric and Bill, that addresses this very issue.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 28, 2012, at 12:32 PM, John Ruhlen <jruhlen916@aol.com> wrote:

Hello,

The article in this morning's Times about the City's sidewalks and the City Council's \$10,000,000 plan to conduct a survey blows my mind. Why not put that money toward fixing the sidewalks where it is needed. Talk about misuse of our tax dollars.

Has the City Council considered having each Neighborhood Council do their own survey and distribute the \$10 million among the Neighborhood Councils to bid, get permits, hire the contractors needed. The sidewalks could be inspected by City inspectors to make sure the work comply with City' requirements.

Each Neighborhood Councils know where the bad sidewalks are within their own district.

Now much more efficient this approach would be than the path the City is taking. Obviously details would need to be worked out for this approach.

I must toot the horn of the Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association for being ahead of of this issue. This week nine Ficus trees have been removed, broken sidewalks are being removed today, tree stumps and roots come out after tomorrow, followed by framing and pouring the new sidewalks. Thirty-nine new trees have been

ordered and will be planted after the sidewalks are cured. Those thirty-nine City approved trees are replacing nine ficus trees. This construction plan requires two weeks from start to finish.

The project is located on the west side of Sepulveda Blvd. between 77th Street and 80th Street.

I would like to suggest that the City rethink their actions on this matter and come up with a more sensible plan.

John Ruhlen